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) Group Art Unit: 1711
) Examiner: Unassigned
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant petitions the Examiner to consider this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe a fee is due for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

The documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in the Notice for Reasons of Rejection for a corresponding Japanese basic patent application from the Japan Patent Office dated February 9, 2007, a copy and the translation of which are attached for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant notes that EP 0490229 was not cited in the Notice for Reasons of Rejection but is included in this Information Disclosure Statement only to provide an English language abstract for Japanese application JP A04-341555, which corresponds thereto. Applicant does not have knowledge that EP 0490229 corresponds precisely with JP A04-341555, but rather submits that, as a corresponding application, it should be substantially similar thereto. Applicant respectfully

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requests that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been

considered and made of record herein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and

does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior

art". Applicant reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed

invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of

the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by

this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due

under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a

CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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